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Government the facts as well as the great danger to which the country is exposed by said sanitary smuggling.

Diseases in the city—Typhoid fever.—In Constantinople we have to deal with the same epidemics, *i. e.*, influenza, smallpox, diphtheria, and typhoid fever. I can not omit to report the sad fact of the outbreak of a little epidemic of typhoid fever which raged in one of the French schools of this town. The pupils of the school of N. D. de Sion have been obliged, nobody knows why, to drink the water of the wells of said school. It is well-known that well waters, especially in towns like in Constantinople, are unhealthy. In Constantinople, besides being unhealthy, said water is brackish and repulsive. Nine young ladies fell ill from the 25th of last October to the 6th of November. From these 9 cases 3 have already proved fatal, and the other 6 are not yet out of danger.

The number of deaths registered in Constantinople from November 28 to December 5, is 408, of which 2 are from measles, 7 from diphtheria, 7 from typhoid fever, and 26 from smallpox.

SPIRIDION C. ZAVITZIANO,
United States Sanitary Commissioner.

WEST INDIES.

Current quarantine measures.

BARBADOS, *December 24, 1898.*

SIR: My last circular was dated October 29, since when I have to report as follows:

Barbados.—The quarantine here against Santos, La Guayra, and Caracas was removed on the 19th instant, but all vessels from La Guayra are inspected by the health officer before being admitted to pratique in order to ascertain that there is no one on board from other infected places in Venezuela.

Quarantine is in force here against Bahia, Cuba, Para, Rio Janeiro, and Venezuela (except Barancas, Ciudad Bolivar, Caracas, and La Guayra). Vessels from these four places and Puerto Rico are subjected to medical inspection.

Trinidad.—The quarantine there against the whole of Venezuela was removed on the 22d instant.

St. Thomas.—The quarantine there against Caracas, La Guayra, Puerto Cabello, and Valencia was removed on November 11, but all vessels from those places are subject to medical inspection.

Quarantine is in force there against Bahia, Cuba, Marguerita, Para, Rio Janeiro, Vera Cruz, and Tampico.

Para.—The British consul reports 5 deaths in September from yellow fever, 6 in October, and 23 in November.

The British and American consular bills of health issued on 4th instant to the steamship *Grangense*, respectively, stated that there had been 9 and 12 deaths from yellow fever in the preceding week and fortnight, respectively.

St. Vincent.—Free pratique is granted to arrivals from all ports in Venezuela to the South of Cape Paria with satisfactory certificates from accredited agents.

St. Lucia.—Quarantine is in force there against Bahia, Cuba, Curacao, La Guayra, Para, Puerto Cabello, Rio Janeiro, Santos, and Valencia.

The reports kindly forwarded by the chairman of the quarantine

board on November 11 and 25 and December 9 and 23, give the following particulars :

Bahia.—For the fortnight ended October 24, 41 cases, 3 deaths from smallpox. For the fortnight ended November 12, 42 cases, 2 deaths from smallpox ; 1 case, 1 death from yellow fever. For the fortnight ended November 26, 83 cases, 15 deaths from smallpox. For the fortnight ended December 7, 21 cases, 3 deaths from smallpox.

Rio de Janeiro.—For the fortnight ended October 29, 29 cases, 9 deaths from smallpox ; 9 cases, 7 deaths from yellow fever. For the fortnight ended November 12, 9 cases, 9 deaths from yellow fever. For the fortnight ended November 22, — cases, 5 deaths from yellow fever ; 22 cases, 6 deaths from smallpox. For the fortnight ended December 11, 18 cases, 7 deaths from smallpox ; 8 cases, 5 deaths from yellow fever.

Santos.—From fortnight previous to October 22 to November 21, clean bills of health.

Victoria.—From fortnight previous to October 22 to November 21, clean bills of health.

Pernambuco.—From fortnight previous to October 22 to December 9, clean bills of health.

Montevideo.—From fortnight previous to October 22 to November 5, clean bills of health.

Buenos Ayres.—From fortnight previous to October 22 to November 5, clean bills of health.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JAS. SANDERSON,
Clerk, Quarantine Board.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

FOREIGN STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AFRICA—*Lorenzo Marques—Delagoa Bay*.—Month of May, 1898. Estimated population, 5,000. Total number of deaths, 65, including 5 from smallpox and 5 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Month of June, 1898. Total number of deaths, 51, including measles, 1 ; smallpox, 4, and 2 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Month of July 1898. Total number of deaths, 53, including smallpox, 14, and 2 from phthisis pulmonalis.

BAHAMAS—*Governors Harbor*.—Two weeks ended December 27, 1898. Estimated population, 1,500. One death. No contagious diseases.

Green Turtle Cay—Abaco.—Two weeks ended December 25, 1898. Estimated population, 3,900. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

Nassau.—Two weeks ended December 24. Estimated population, 11,000. No deaths and no contagious diseases reported.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—*Victoria*.—Month of December, 1898. Estimated population, 20,000. Total number of deaths, 15, including 1 from measles.

CANADA—*Hamilton*.—Month of December, 1898. Estimated population, 54,000. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from diphtheria, 1 from enteric fever, and 4 deaths from phthisis pulmonalis.